

SCHOOL CHILDREN ATHLETIC MEET

Youngsters Frolic at Two City Playgrounds.

AMATEUR RECORDS BROKEN

Exhibitions at the Rosedale and Virginia Avenue Grounds Reflect Credit on Association—Wily-limbed Lads Cheered by Hundreds of Juvenile Spectators—Prizes Awarded.

It was a glorious, romping time which the youngsters of several of the public schools had yesterday, when the athletic meet of the season, they rolicked and frolicked to their heart's content. The young trojans fought for supremacy with determination which even their brawny elders of the universities do not surpass.

For the nonce, athletic records tottered, as these little young Duffeys and Kraenzleins went scudding about the oval, and unleashed all the stored-up energy and protoplasm in their wily limbs. And on the side lines school flags fluttered, and from thousands of lusty young throats came wild cheers for alma mater, and impassioned prayers to the god of war to let victory perch upon their banner.

The Buchanan, Cranch, Tyler, Van Ness, Lenox, and Wallace schools were the contestants in the meet held at Virginia avenue and Eleventh street southeast. At the Rosedale playgrounds, Seventeenth and Gales streets northeast, the students of the Blow, Webb, Pierce, Madison, Wheatley, Hay, and other schools held their contests.

Victors Chummed Together.

Under the white flag of truce, victor and vanquished chummed together between struggles, and critically discussed the events of the day. The band of athletes under the redoubtable Mike Murphy, or any other of the trainers worshiped by the collected boys, could not have been more keen in picking out flaws in their opponents' form, or more ready to take advantage of weak spots. But when the Rubicon had been crossed, and the battle fought and won—and lost—the victors smoked the pipe of peace, and forgot all about the animosities of conquest.

"These are not alley-bred youngsters, surely," said one victor. When he was told that Washington had no playgrounds a few years ago, and that here children were thrown upon the tender mercies of the streets, he was amazed, for lads of such fiber and muscle are not products of the steaming pavements or the close, confining tenements.

The two managers, an eloquent tribute to the Washington Playground Association, which has made them possible, and those who have contributed to this cause may well feel proud of what has already been accomplished.

The Virginia avenue playgrounds saw an all-day contest. The hosts of war arrived early, clad in their athletic regalia, and accompanied by scores of proud young "fans," who were not afraid to voice their admiration with all the enthusiasm the moment demanded. The Cranch supporters lined up in formidable array against those of Tyler, and taunted them with challenge of a battle of lungs. Needless to say, it was promptly accepted.

The first test of strength was a baseball game between the Cranch and Tyler schools. Tyler surpassed her rival with the greatest ease, the score being 21 to 2, the lineup of the two nines was as follows:

Teams' Line-up.

Tyler—A. Clarkson, M. Sopher, Carter Crooke, Jim Boyd, Leona Brown, Ella Downs, Josephine DeCew, Ella Higgins and Mary Brown. Cranch—Emma Strickes, Eva Martin, Wilmer Downs, R. Cross, Henry Henry, Elmer Higgins, Lloyd Edwards, and Joseph Fowler. The best playing was done by M. Sopher and Elmer Higgins, the former scoring a home run.

Combining the functions of umpire, referee, and general commander of the event, Miss Mabel Towner gave entire satisfaction to her young charges, and none was sufficiently indiscreet to question any of her rulings. Miss Elizabeth Garnet was her assistant. The games on the Rosedale playgrounds were in charge of Edward S. Eustis, Miss Agnes Stewart, Miss Elizabeth Murray, Sam J. Jennings, and Harry Smith.

Many parents came and added their mite to the cheering of the teams. To many visitors the equipment of the playgrounds was a revelation, for few of those not directly connected with the movement know what progress has been made. It is hoped to furnish the Virginia avenue playground with some park features in the near future.

"Our games were a great success," said Miss Towner last night, "and prove conclusively that we ought to have as many of them as possible. The children are enthusiastic over the innovation, and enter into all the contests with zest. The lure of the alleys and of the streets does not count for much against the attraction we can offer on these grounds. We can only hope for more of them and more games."

When the smoke of battle had died away, it was found that the Tyler school had scored an easy victory in the games. The final score was Tyler school, 41 points; Cranch, 27; Lenox, 21. The girls of the Tyler school were material factors in the victory, as they scored a majority of the points.

The sensation of the games was little Marie Harmon, of the Tyler school, who is a "chilled" herself ten times. She is a fragile little girl, whom no one picked to be winner in her event.

Complete Summaries.

5-year dash for boys under ten years—O. Downs, Cranch, first; H. Bell, Lenox, second; A. Stenness, Tyler, third.

5-year dash for girls under ten years—L. Hagar, Cranch, first; L. Hunt, Tyler, second; M. Hoffman, Lenox, third.

5-year dash for boys under twelve years—C. Crook, Tyler, first; M. Grace, Wallace, second; W. Downs, Cranch, third.

5-year dash for girls under thirteen years—A. Hinson, Cranch, first; A. Baumgartner, Lenox, second; M. Browning, Tyler, third.

5-year dash for girls under sixteen years—L. Brown, Tyler, first; E. Downs, Tyler, second; M. Grace, Lenox, third.

Potato race for boys—A. Helwig, Wallace, first; A. Perkins, Bryant, second; J. Boyd, Tyler, third.

Potato race for girls—A. Woodson, Lenox, first; R. Hinson, Cranch, second; M. Grace, Lenox, third.

Chinning bar for boys under ten years—A. Stenness, Tyler, first; G. Hoffman, Lenox, second; R. McCormick, Cranch, third.

Chinning bar for girls under ten—M. Harner, Tyler school, first; L. Hunt, Tyler school, second; E. Martin, Lenox school, third.

Chinning bar for girls under thirteen—M. Harner, Tyler school, first; R. Hinson, Cranch school, second; L. Hunt, Tyler school, third.

Chinning bar for boys under twelve—C. Bell, Wallace school, first; W. Downs, Cranch school, second; A. Helwig, Wallace school, third.

Standing broad jump for boys under ten—G. Hoffman, Lenox school, first; C. Downs, Cranch school, second; A. Stenness, Tyler school, third.

Standing broad jump for boys under twelve—E. Hinson, Cranch school, first; E. Strietz, Cranch school, second; B. Fletcher, Lenox school, third.

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Higgs, Tyler school, first; W. Downs, Cranch school, second; C. Crook, Tyler school, third.

The Tyler team won against four opponents in the tether ball contest, and the Lenox team proved an easy victor in the croquet game.

The judges of the events were Messrs. Jackson, Grace, Sullivan, Thornton, and Bell. Rodney Hinson and Grace Lang refereed the croquet game, and George Hines was scorer.

Each winner in the various events will receive a blue ribbon, and the trophy awarded to the winning team was a small American flag. Several more athletic meets will be held before the summer is ended. At the next meet the children will not be opposed according to their schools, but according to their church membership. After that the streets and neighborhoods will be pitted against one another.

NEGRO TROOPS ACCEPTABLE.

War Department Reports No Objection to Placing Cavalry.

The War Department has received no objection to the plan of placing the negro cavalrymen returning from the Philippines in a garrison at Fort Ethan Allen, three miles from Burlington, Vt. It was further stated by Gen. Wetherston, acting chief of the staff at the War Department, that the movement of these troops had been announced several months previously, and no effort has been made to change it.

The Tenth Cavalry is now en route to this country on the transport Kilpatrick and is due in New York next week. One regiment of the Twenty-fifth, is on its way to San Francisco, and will be posted at Fort Riley, Kans., and will be transferred to the Vermont post. The Twenty-fourth Infantry, for a long time stationed at the Madison barracks in Northern New York, is reported to have a splendid record.

A squadron of the Ninth Cavalry, formerly at Fort Myer, will be stationed at Fort D. A. Russell, Wyo., and Fort Leavenworth, Kans. The only other negro regiment, the Twenty-fifth, is on its way to San Francisco, and will be posted at Forts Wright and Lawton, Wash.

EXTENDED POWER ASKED FOR

Judge De Lacy Explains Purposes of Juvenile Court.

Claims It Should Have Jurisdiction Over Parents Who Are Often Responsible for Crimes.

In a letter of explanation to Representative Smith, of Michigan, who recently sought to obtain for the Juvenile Court of the District concurrent criminal jurisdiction with the higher courts in non-support cases, Judge De Lacy yesterday told of the work being done with a view to establishing the self-evident necessity of extended power. The letter, in part, follows:

"The character of children is not set, but is in process of development. Their status before the law is abnormal, inasmuch as they have not their own custody and determination, but are in the custody of their parents in order that the parents may perform toward them their duties of support, protection, education. They can make no contract, and are often responsible for crimes. These considerations have led to the conviction that children under seventeen who commit crime are not as responsible really as the adult criminal, and that the children require correction rather than punishment."

"If there has been failure to perform parental duties of support, protection, and education, the best of the difficulty will be there with the elders, and there the correction should be applied. Hence the establishment of juvenile courts, hence the commitment to them by the lawmaking power of jurisdiction under non-support laws, compulsory education laws, cruelty to children laws, child labor laws. These courts would be more aptly termed parental courts or family courts."

EXCURSION PLANS COMPLETE.

Eagles Ready for Outing to Chesapeake Beach.

The committee of Washington Aerie, No. 135, having in charge the annual excursion of the organization, which will be made to Chesapeake Beach next Tuesday, met last night at the clubhouse, Sixth and E streets northwest. The committee is composed of Dr. Lewis A. Walker, chairman; George B. Haske, secretary, and Edward Coughlin, Luther B. Hayes, Harry Winniger, R. M. Snook, J. H. Brecht, James L. Feeney, A. S. Morgan, Frederick Thompson, J. T. Carr, James P. Roots, J. D. Britt, and James F. Waters.

Among the attractions arranged for at the beach will be music by the Eagles' Band, dancing at the boardwalk pavilion that will be continuous throughout the day and night up to 11 o'clock, when the train leaves for the city. An elaborate programme of field and other sports has been arranged, each with a prize. Among these will be a game of baseball between the Eagles' team that will play the Elks' team, and the Avalon Heights team, which is a member of the Suburban League. A handsome and valuable gold prize goes to the winning team.

Invitations will be extended to prominent members of other fraternal organizations, government officials, and members of Congress to be guests of the Eagles on this annual outing.

CHINA'S LOAN RATIFIED.

Americans Will Share \$27,500,000 with European Bankers.

The Chinese government, according to advice received yesterday, has directed its foreign office to enter into negotiations with the American legation in Peking with a view to the participation of American capital in the \$27,500,000 loan on an equal footing with the bankers of Great Britain, France and Germany.

The advice came in reply to a message from President Taft to the prince regent.

BAND CONCERT.

Concert given by the Fifteenth U. S. Cavalry Band, Fort Myer, Va., in Iowa Circle, this evening, 7:30 to 9 o'clock. George F. Tyrrell, chief musician, director.

PROGRAMME.

March, "Goulda Gauda".....Tyrrell

Pastorale, "Owens de la Owens".....Tyrrell

Waltz, "See This Again".....Estrada

"Medley on Remick's Song".....Lampe

"Gavotte from the Opera 'Mignon'".....Thomas

Selection, "Lucia di Lammermoor".....Donizetti

Comet duet, "The Two Friends".....Lopez

March, "Mistral Jokes".....Hall

"The Star-Spangled Banner".....Hall

Postal Agreement Reached.

The Postmaster General has concluded agreements with the postal administrations of Denmark and Japan by which after August 1 parcels exchanged with those countries may be accepted up to \$80 in value and eleven pounds in weight. This is in accordance with the department plan to extend the usefulness of the parcels post to foreign countries.

POLICE ORDERED TO PROBE ASYLUM

Danger of Escaped Insane Patients Considered.

COMMISSIONERS TAKE ACTION

Upon Motion of Commissioner West, the Board Asks Police Superintendent to Make Report and Advise Remedy—Verifies Prediction Made by The Washington Herald.

As exclusively predicted in The Washington Herald yesterday, the Board of Commissioners of the District government, upon motion of Commissioner Henry L. West, issued an order yesterday, directing the major and superintendent of police to report to the Commissioners all facts that have come under his official notice in connection with the alleged escape of insane inmates of the Government Hospital for the Insane.

The order says: "In view of the published statements regarding alleged insane persons being at large, I move that the major and superintendent of police be directed to report to the Commissioners such facts as his records may show in connection with this matter, together with such suggestions or recommendations as, in his experience, he may deem advisable."

Commissioner West said after the adoption of the order that the action of the Commissioners in this case would largely depend upon the nature of the report made by the superintendent of police and his suggestions and recommendations in the case, which have been asked for. The Commissioner said that if the police superintendent in his report showed that dangerously insane persons escape from St. Elizabeth's and were a menace to public safety, some steps would be taken to present the matter to Secretary Ballinger, of the Department of the Interior, under whose direction the asylum management comes.

Will Advise Remedy.

He said that if the records of the police department showed that conditions existed as had been presented in the local papers, then accompanying the report of the superintendent of police would be suggestions and recommendations remedial of the matter formulated upon the experience of the police department. Commissioner Macfarland, after approving Commissioner West's motion, said he did so because the motion was made by the Commissioner in charge of the police department, which has special care of the public safety. He said it was a question of the care and treatment of the District patients, which matter came under the supervision of the Board of Charities, but of police regulation.

Maj. Sylvester's Report.

Maj. Richard Sylvester, superintendent of the metropolitan police department, in his annual report to the Commissioners in 1908, discussing the insane of the District, said in part:

"The dependents when once placed in institutions should receive the most general attention that means and skill can provide. It is to be regretted that circumstances frequently cause the officials of asylums or sanatoriums to permit partially cured inmates to leave the same on furlough or parole and many patients from asylums throughout the country are at large without a certificate of clearance of recovery. These subjects are liable to develop a mania at any time and anywhere at the cost of human life, unless certain to be secured."

"No patient should be permitted to leave an insane asylum, except under guard and protection of an attendant. The occasions are not rare when the police are called upon to apprehend persons who have been released from the asylum. It has been mentioned. And instances might be cited in which the securing of such persons has been attended by much anxiety, labor, and risks."

"It is not infrequently happens that individuals who are arrested for crime or who come within this jurisdiction and show signs of insanity are found upon investigation to have been paroled from some institutions without having been under treatment for mental disorders."

Need for Judgment.

"Experience prompts this suggestion: That those who are charged with the care of insane persons should exercise wise judgment and be thoroughly grounded in a patient's recovery before granting furlough or discharge. It is difficult to determine when the mildest type may become the other extreme. The superintendent is called upon this subject nearly every day for advice, if not for action, not infrequently by persons with imaginative grievances."

In accordance with the order of the Board of Commissioners, file with that body this morning a report upon this subject with recommendations and suggestions for the protection of the people from insane persons at large.

MAY REFUND DEBT.

American Bankers Expected to Help Republic of Honduras.

It is rumored in Washington that the bankers of the United States are to refund the national debt of Honduras, which, owing to the past inefficient administration of the republic, now amounts to the enormous sum of \$100,000,000, the bonds being largely held in England and Germany.

Prominent among the banking firms of this country who will assist in floating the new loan is that of J. P. Morgan & Co., who, it is believed, will have the principal part in the undertaking, which will have the moral support of the American government.

SPARROWS ARE ROUTED.

Hundreds of Nests Destroyed by Municipal Workmen.

The ever-present English sparrows especially fancy the new Municipal Building as a desirable place in which to build their nests, as is shown by the semi-annual clearing out of the nests now in progress. The men assigned to do this work are making a careful search for the sparrows' nests among the capitals of the columns and behind the statues. As a result of the first day's work yesterday, a wagon load of rubbish was taken from the main entrance outer corridor of the building. The work will be continued today and until every nest has been cleared out.

Capt. John J. Strain, captain of the watch, had charge of the work. In many of the nests were found young sparrows. The birds were humanely treated by the men and were taken to the lawn in front of the building and thrown into the air until they learned the use of their wings. Some persons suggested to Capt. Strain that as the English sparrows were so destructive, objectionable birds, the young birds be killed. Capt. Strain refused to follow this suggestion.

In the future this work of clearing out the nests will be done at least every month in the warm weather, as the birds quickly rebuild their destroyed homes.

INSURGENT BAND MEETS.

High Tariff Republicans Will Resist Taft's Recommendations.

The high tariff Republican insurgents held another conference yesterday to talk over Mr. Taft's recommendations that raw materials should be placed on the free list of the new tariff law.

Twenty members were present and Representative Gaines, of West Virginia, presided.

At the conclusion of the conference Mr. Gaines announced that fully forty-five Republicans of the House were in sympathy with the movement to resist the efforts of the President to place raw materials on the free list, or to even materially reduce the duties on coal and iron ore, or to remove the countervailing duty on duty.

The question was discussed as to what action the "high tariff" Republicans would take if a majority in the House seemed disposed to follow the recommendations of the President, but no conclusion was reached on this point.

The impression prevails that those who are against the conference are "insurgents" for the benefit of the folks at home, and that when the time comes they will support the programme of the President.

MORE MONEY TO BE ASKED

Harbor Police Patrol Inadequately Equipped.

Needs New Boat and Wharf and More Men in Order to Meet Demands.

Commissioner West will ask the Board of Commissioners to include in the next annual estimates for the District budget that provision be made for the increase of the police force in the harbor patrol service.

Recently the large number of thefts from launches, yachts, and other river pleasure craft has directed attention to the necessity of an increase of the harbor police patrol.

With a view of securing an appropriation for the establishment of an all night patrol of the harbor, Commissioner West will ask for an additional engineer for the police patrol boat, The Vigilant, and a number of additional officers.

In addition to this, a new and larger boat for the service is needed. The present boat is too small for the work required of it. Lieut. Sutton, in command of the harbor patrol station, says that a boat suitable for the service could be built for \$35,000.

In all probability the Commissioners will include an estimate for money with which to erect a new harbor patrol station and wharf, both of which are badly needed. The quarters of the station are small, dilapidated, and insanitary.

WILL GO TO PROVINCETOWN

District Naval Battalion Embarks July 30.

Extensive Maneuvers, Including Attack on Boston Fortifications, Planned for Militia.

Officials of the District of Columbia National Guard have decided upon July 30 as the date for the departure of the Naval Battalion for Provincetown, Mass., where they are scheduled to take part in the extensive maneuvers in New England.

The Naval Battalion, which will include a large number of troops under the command of the League Island Navy Yard for duty on board the cruiser Prairie, which will be used to transport the battalion to Provincetown, where the rest of the fleet is at present assembled.

It is not yet decided just what will be done with the battalion after its arrival at Provincetown, as it is understood that the maneuvers will take place partly on land and partly on sea.

Gen. Leonard Wood, in responsible for the maneuvers, as he has been planning for some time to test the efficiency of the National Guard in a series of practical exercises on somewhat resembling a real war footing. He has worked out a plan to give the militia a taste of what they must expect in time of war.

The first of these plans is the present attack on the New England defenses from the sea, which includes the landing of large bodies of troops under the command of the land batteries. Altogether the maneuvers are the most extensive that have yet been devised.

The local guardsmen are preparing for a strenuous campaign, as the bustling headquarters of the district, which will command the District battalion, are well known.

It is not yet definitely known just what date has been set for the maneuvers, nor has it been decided how long they will last, as they depend on many things as yet unsettled. At the close of the maneuvers, however, the naval battalion will be relieved from duty with the battle ships and will return home on board the Prairie.

COMMITTEE MEETS TO-DAY.

Has Charge of Chamber of Commerce Automobile Floral Carnival.

Arrangements for the Chamber of Commerce automobile floral parade, to be held in this city on September 30, are being rapidly made. Five prizes have been offered to be competed for by those entering the parade, and new entries are being added each day at the office of T. D. Spence, chairman of the committee on entrances and classes.

This afternoon at 1:30 o'clock an important meeting of the committee having the affair of the parade will be held at the rooms of the chamber. George H. Gail, of the Washington, Baltimore and Annapolis Railroad, has been appointed chairman of the committee, and D. J. Callahan, vice chairman.

Offer Trophy for Best Band.

In order to encourage the highest proficiency in band music, a number of negro citizens have decided to present a beautiful and costly trophy to the negro band in this city that can play best in a contest for the championship of the District of Columbia to be held at Eureka Park on August 12 at 10 o'clock. The Hiram Concert Band and the National Military Band already have entered as contestants.

Always the Same.

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BORAH HELPS TAFT WIN NEEDED VOTES

Treats with Senators from Cattle States.

CONFEREES MAKE PROGRESS

Payne, Showing No Sign of Unfriendly, an Early Arrival—Burrows in a Jocular Mood—Good Feeling Prevails—Flint, of California, Is Victor in the Lemon Fight.

The conferees on the tariff bill had two sessions yesterday, and settled a number of difficult problems.

But the most important work went on outside of the conference committee room. The President summoned Senator Borah, of Idaho, to the White House yesterday, and they had a satisfactory talk over the President's proposal of free hides.

Senator Borah has been one of the Western Senators who have come to be known in the tariff vernacular as the "range Senators."

After the President and Senator Borah had had a free interchange of views they discovered that they were not so far apart.

Agrees with Taft.

Senator Borah told the President he had never been opposed to removing the duty from hides, if at the same time reductions were made in the duties of sole leather, boots and shoes, and other products of hide. President Taft declared that this view was directly in line with his own sentiment.

When Senator Borah left the White House he carried a verbal commission from President Taft to interview the ten Senators who held a conference in Senator Nelson's room and to treat also with the Senators from the cattle raising States.

After devoting most of the day to his work of pacification, Senator Borah found that most of the Senators interviewed were ready to accept free hides if material reductions would be given in leather and its products. No definite understanding was reached as to the rate. It was suggested that boots and shoes should not carry over 10 per cent, and that there should be proportionate reductions in duties on all kinds of leather, including harness.

Senator Warren appeared to be the chief one of the Senators who were determined to raise States who appeared to be unwilling that hides should be made absolutely free of duty.

Some question was raised as to whether the conferees had the power to go below the lowest rate given by the Senate or the House bill on leather and its products.

Under the rules of conference committee their jurisdiction is limited to the mutual reference in the rates involved. But some of the Senators suggested that a joint resolution could be passed extending the jurisdiction of the conferees and authorizing them to readjust the rates to meet the terms of the proposed compromise.

Many Rumors Afloat.

There was another interesting story afloat that a coalition had been formed between Senators who were determined to insist that there should be a duty on hides, iron ore, lumber, coal, and other articles comprised in President Taft's proposed additions to the free list. These Senators, it was asserted, had pooled their interests, and none of them was to yield in his opposition to the conference report unless all of the interests involved were cared for. This insurgent movement was said to be composed of about twenty Senators. It was said, some of whom are members of the Finance Committee.

At the same time an uprising of Republican Representatives along the same lines of resistance was declared to have been organized. Coupled with these reports, which seemed to come from reliable authority, was the suggestive statement that the Dingley law rates were satisfactory, and that would not be a calamity if the tariff bill were defeated.

Senator Elkins has been given the credit of organizing the new insurgent movement against the conference report, not only in the Senate, but also in the House. Senator Burrows is said to be positive in his demand that the duty shall not be removed from iron ore. There seems to be less interest in the preservation of the countervailing duty on crude petroleum. One Republican Senator, who is leading in the uprising against President Taft's proposed enlargement of the free list, declared yesterday that Mr. Taft could have free oil and he might be able to secure reductions in the duties on other articles, which he was seeking to transfer from the dutiable to the free list, but that there would be no yielding in favor of free iron ore, free hides, or reciprocal free trade in coal with Canada.

Senator Smith, who came from the cattle-raising States in the West and who has been an advocate of retaining the duty on hides, was busy composing differences. He had a long conference with Senator Warren, and the two are interested in retaining the duty on hides. He expressed the opinion that the final solution would be a compromise which would leave a fair duty on hides.

Payne Shows Up.

Representative Payne, who walked out of the session Tuesday, after vowing he would never sign the conference report, if it was drawn on the lines proposed, was an early arrival and remained for both sessions of the conference.

On leaving at the close of the afternoon session Mr. Payne remarked to the newspaper men with a smile that he was the last man to leave.

Senator Burrows, who figured in the reports of Tuesday's disagreement, was in a jocular mood and suggested that the newspaper men should apply to Chairman Aldrich if they desired to procure a "list" of the casualties.

In the era of good feeling which prevailed marked progress was made with the bill. The zinc schedule was finally disposed of. The duty on zinc ore will remain, while the Senate rate of 14 cents per pound on zinc sheets and plates will be reduced to 14 cents per pound.

The Senate receded from its amendment increasing the duty on salicylic acid to 10 per cent and accepted the House rate of 5 cents.